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January 23, 2025

## Via ECF

Honorable Ronnie Abrams Honorable Sarah Netburn Southern District of New York 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007-1312

Applications granted.

SO ORDERED.

Re: <u>United States v. Justin Masse</u> Docket # 24 MJ. 1682(RA) Ronnie Abrams, U.S.D.J. January 23, 2025

Dear Judge Abrams and Netburn:

On behalf of Justin Masse, I respectfully make the following two requests.

First, as you know, Mr. Masse suffered a catastrophic fall causing serious injury to his back. As a result, during his treatment for his injury and pain, Mr. Masse has found that cannabis usage - when needed - resulted in a therapeutic and palliative benefit. To that end, Mr. Masse was given an "Official New York State Medical Cannabis Patient Certification" card permitting him to receive cannabis from a licensed medical dispensary.



I have also attached this certification as an exhibit to this letter. Although, Mr. Masse attempts to use the cannabis sparingly, on occasion, he has tested positive in connection with a urinalysis conducted by Pre Trial-Services (PTS). Given Mr. Masse's fixed and purposeful use of cannabis, it is requested that PTS conduct its urinalysis for all controlled substances except cannabis.

Our second request is that the Court permit Mr. Masse to travel to Paramus, New Jersey on Saturday, March 1, 2025, to attend his son's birthday party. He intends to return home to New York the same day.

Thank you both for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

SULLIVAN|BRILL, LLP

Attorneys for Mr. Masse

By: Steven Brill



# Medical Cannabis Program

#### OFFICIAL NEW YORK STATE MEDICAL CANNABIS PATIENT CERTIFICATION

**Certification Number** 

Issue Date: 05/03/2024

PC3-47027525

Expiration Date: 05/03/2025



Please present this document and your government issued photo ID when visiting a dispensing site to purchase medical cannabis product(s).

### **Practitioner Information**

Gavin Moreland 3300 Bee Cave Rd, Suite 650 #1105 Austin, TX 78746 (972) 646-0653

DEA Registration: FM0873922

**Patient Information** 

First Name: Justin Last Name: 1925082

DOB:

10/12/1997

Address:

93-30 210th PI

Queens Village, NY 11428

Phone:

(929) 996-2251

Email:

Jmasse40@gmall.com

## **Dosing Recommendations**

Per Pharmacist Consultation

Recommendations/Limitations:

As the practitioner named above, I attest to the following:

- · I am caring for this patient's condition;
- By training and/or experience, I am qualified to treat the condition as documented in the patient's medical record;
- In my professional opinion and based on my review of past treatments, the patient named above is likely to receive therapeutic or palliative benefit from the primary or adjunctive treatment with medical cannabis for the condition;
- This certification will be provided to the patient and a copy of this certification will be included in the patient's medical record.

Electronically signed by: _	GAVIN MORELAND	on: _	05/03/2024

FALSE STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN ARE PUNISHABLE AS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR PURSUANT TO PENAL LAW § 210.45. ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATION WHEN (i) THE RECIPIENT HAS NO MEDICAL NEED FOR IT, OR (ii) IT IS FOR A PURPOSE OTHER THAN A CERTIFIED MEDICAL USE AS DEFINED IN THE CANNABIS LAW IS PUNISHABLE AS A CLASS E FELONY PURSUANT TO PENAL LAW § 179.10.

This certification must be provided to the patient, or their caregiver where appropriate. The certified patient and their designated caregiver(s) will need this certification when purchasing medical cannabis products from a registered organization's dispensing site.

Instructions on adding designated caregivers are available on the Office of Cannabis Management website at: www.cannabis.ny.gov.